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is now rendered moot. As a formal matter, and, if necessary, but with traverse, Applicants elect species SEQ ID NO:83.

The specification has been amended to clarify the priority applications and to update their status. The specification has also been amended to acknowledge the rights of the government in the invention.

The new claims are fully supported by the present specification and in a related application 08/205,713, which is incorporated by reference in the first paragraph on page 1 of the present application. The present application will be further amended as necessary to physically incorporate any essential material currently incorporated by reference that is required to support allowable claims of the present application.


Support for the terms defining the binding affinity of the referenced peptides is found, e.g., in U.S. Serial No. 08/205,713 application incorporated by reference herein. For example on p. 37, line 19 to page 40, line 2, of U.S. Serial No. 08/205,713 quantitative binding assays and the methods of determining binding affinity values are described. As noted therein, the affinities are determined relative to a reference peptide. (see, e.g., p 39, lines 13-29). Support can also be found, e.g., on page 76, lines 31-34, U.S. Serial No. 08/205,713 where the results indicate that a binding ratio of at least 0.01 correlates with the ability to induce CTL.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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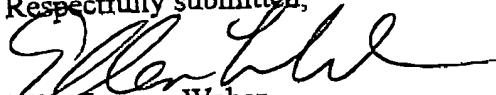
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